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### April 5, 2013

# Montgomery County Council Schedules Public Hearings on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

The County Council will hold five public hearings on the afternoons and/or evenings of April 9, 10 and 11. Residents are invited to comment on the operating budget as well as WSSC's capital budget and the County's capital budget. The 2014 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

For details on the hearings, visit

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR details.asp?PrID=9323

To review County Executive Leggett's recommended operating budget, visit <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/FY14/psprec/index.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/FY14/psprec/index.html</a>

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Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Monday, April 22 7:00pm-9:00pm Poolesville Town Hall 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville MD 20837

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) sometimes holds its monthly meeting in a particular community in order to get a visual reference on the area and local projects, and to make the meeting more convenient for residents who may not be able to attend otherwise.

UCAB is currently looking for applicants to fill seven vacancies on the board. Four incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board represents almost 300,000 residents in the area north of Shady Grove Road, including the communities of Barnesville, Beallsville, Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Darnestown, Dickerson, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Goshen, Laytonsville, Montgomery Village, North Potomac, Poolesville, Tobytown, and Washington Grove. Residents of Clarksburg, Laytonsville, Barnesville, Beallsville, Dickerson, Washington Grove, and Poolesville are particularly encouraged to apply.

The 20-member Board advises the County Executive, County Council, and the Regional Director of the Upcounty area on needs and priorities such as transportation, human services, the environment, land use, public safety, and other issues of local importance. It also reviews and comments on the County's capital and operating budgets and master plans; assists with strategies to tailor services to regional needs; and conducts workshops and forums. Some members represent the Board on other committees.

For more details, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/exec/vacancies/PR details.asp?PrID=9307

or contact Catherine Matthews, Upcounty Regional Services Director, at 240-777-8040.

Deadline for applications is April 10.

## THOUSANDS EXPECTED AT BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK APRIL 7th FOR ANNUAL PERSIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL (SIZDEH BEDAR)

The IrAmerican Civic Society (ICS) in cooperation with Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will host its annual Sizdeh Bedar festival at Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds on Sunday, April 7 from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. Parking passes for entrance to the festival are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting the IrAmerican Civic Association at (703) 442-8100.

Traffic and crowd controls for the event will be managed by Montgomery Parks' park managers for Black Hill Regional Park in collaboration with the Maryland-National Capital Park Police. West Old Baltimore Road will remain open for vehicular traffic during the festival but will not accommodate parking or pedestrian traffic. Currently closed on the east side for construction, West Old Baltimore Road is expected to reopen by April 7. In the event the road is not ready on that date, alternative operational plans will be implemented

Park Police have established a hotline number, 301-528-3469, which residents, park neighbors and patrons may call <u>on</u> the day of the event with any questions or concerns. For questions about this event prior to Sunday, please call 301-495-2595.

Sizdeh Bedar is the Persian festival of spring. Iranian Americans and others will celebrate this age-old spring event in parks and various outdoor settings across the nation Sunday, the thirteenth day of the Persian Year—Norouz. The celebration at Black Hill will include live Persian music, cultural activities, and freshly grilled food and sweets.

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### County Begins Residential Street Sweeping on April 8

Find the schedule on the interactive map at

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/hwytmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/highway/sweepmap sched.asp

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## Bike Planning Expert to Link Planning, Increased Cycling at Speaker Series

"Making Cycling Irresistible: Lessons from Europe and North America"

A presentation by Ralph Buehler, Assistant Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning, Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech

Tuesday, April 9 7:00pm Park and Planning Headquarters Auditorium 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring



Take a look around and it's easy to see that cycling is booming. The roads of Washington, D.C. are crisscrossed with bike lanes, and the District-based Capital Bikeshare program bills itself as the largest in the nation.

To delve into how good planning equates to safe, accessible, enjoyable cycling, Virginia Tech professor Ralph Buehler will present at the Montgomery County Planning Department's speaker series on Tuesday, April 9. His talk, Making Cycling Irresistible: Lessons from Europe and North America, will link transportation and land-use policies with bike use.

Continuing education credits (1.5 hours) have been approved for planning professionals. **Learn more at** <a href="http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/speaker\_series/">http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/speaker\_series/</a>



Our latest workshop: Introduction to Teleworking:
The Fastest Growing Commuting Alternative
A Breakfast Presentation on Pros & Cons of Telework

April 11th – Rockville (2 blocks from Rockville Metro) (Alternative Session April 10th – Frederick)

Recent announcements by several prominent employers about their telework programs have appeared in the local and national media, and have led to intense discussion about whether this alternate work arrangement benefits employers. Come hear experts on telework explain what factors businesses and organizations should consider in making telework decisions. Employers who are successfully implementing telework programs will discuss their experiences. For registration and other details, visit

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/tsvtmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/transit/commuter/page7.asp

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# Get Checked! Health Screenings Scheduled in Clarksburg Saturday, April 20 10:00am-2:00pm Community of Faith UM Church 22420 Frederick Road, Clarksburg



Get blood pressure screenings, chair massages, food samplings, grip strength and bone density tests, HIV education and testing, and more! Vendors will be on site with information about health opportunities, nutrition, and exercise. Door prizes will be given as well.

For more information, contact:

Diane Herron at 301-421-5767 or at diane.herron@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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# **Coal Tar Products Commonly Used in Driveway and Parking Lot Sealants Banned in Montgomery County**

Residents, businesses and contractors planning to reseal driveways or parking lots should be aware that coal tar, a common ingredient in resealing products, can no longer be used in Montgomery County. Last year, the Montgomery County Council passed Bill 21-12 that banned the use of coal tar products, effective December 18, 2012. Under the law, use of a coal-tar based sealant can lead to a fine of up to \$1,000—for both the property owner and the applicator.

For more details, see press release, http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR details.asp?PrID=9350

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### **County Completes Rehab of East Gude Drive Bridge**

The Division of Transportation Engineering has recently completed a **structural rehabilitation of the westbound Gude Drive bridge** over the CSX railroad tracks and Metrorail tracks. This bridge is located about 600 feet east of Frederick Road/MD355 in Derwood. Flippo Construction was the contractor who handled the refurbishment work, which took slightly more than a year to complete. For more information about this and other construction projects, visit the <u>Division of Transportation Engineering's website</u>.

### Faith Community Representatives Provide Input for County's Video Project on Places of Worship

Representatives from faith congregations met on April 4 with Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman, staff from the Department of Permitting Services, the Department of Planning, and with the Upcounty Regional Services Director to discuss what would be helpful to know before buying property in the county, renovating or expanding their church, temple, synagogue, or mosque. Several offered information from their past experiences and the issues they faced. Staff will use the comments in developing future informational materials for places of worship. Permitting Services will work with other agencies in producing a video that can better explain their respective processes. Another opportunity for faith communities will be announced soon.

## **County Transportation Department's New Outreach Guide 2013**



A new brochure recently published by MCDOT's Community Outreach office, called "Community Outreach Meeting Guide 2013" lists eight main resident advisory groups that advise the department and the dates and times they meet. The committees bring issues to the attention of MCDOT and advise staff of community concerns and priorities. The brochure also mentions a number of other civic groups that collaborate with the department as issues arise.

The advisory committees consist of residents, business representatives, civic and community leaders and County representatives. The group meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to apply for committee membership when openings are advertised.

The brochure lists contact information for each committee. Residents who wish to receive a copy of the brochure, advisory committee reports or email notifications of meetings may call **240-777-7155** or send an <a href="mailto:emai

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County Council <u>www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council</u> Planning Board <u>www.montgomeryplanning.org</u>